



# SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

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## Accreditation Information

This bulletin contains information on meeting the accreditation requirement under Wis. Stat. § 115.7915(2)(c) and Wis. Admin. Code § PI 49. Under Wis. Admin. Code § PI 49.03(6), the accreditation notice, from the accreditation agency, must be submitted by **August 1 annually** and may not be dated any earlier than July 1 of that school year. If the school is also participating in the Private School Choice Programs, one notice may be submitted to the Department for the school.

The DPI will work directly with the accrediting agencies to obtain notice. Schools are responsible for ensuring they are fully accredited by their accrediting agencies and are included in the notice, by reaching out to their accrediting agency. The accreditation notice must be completed by an authorized member of the accrediting agency and include all of the following information:

- The private school's name;
- The private school's address for each location included in the accreditation;
- The grades accredited; and
- Indication that the private school is accredited at the time the notice is filed.

The grades that a Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) school is accredited for must include all of the grades available for SNSP students as indicated on the Intent to Participate form and if applicable, the updated School Information Update form. A SNSP school cannot have SNSP students in grades that it is not accredited for by a statutorily approved accreditation agency.

The following is a list of the statutorily approved accreditation agencies: Cognia, Inc.; the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation; the Independent Schools Association of the Central States; Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation; Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools; National Lutheran School Accreditation; Christian Schools International; Association of Christian Schools International; the diocese or archdiocese

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Special Needs Scholarship Program  
1-888-245-2732 ext. 4  
snsnp@dpi.wi.gov

<https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/special-needs-scholarship>

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within which the private school is located; or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation.

Please contact the accreditation organizations directly with questions about their accrediting process. Contact information for the accreditation agencies is on the following page.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Association of Christian Schools  
International**

7431 E State St #109  
Rockford, IL 61108  
815-282-7070  
[www.acsi.org/](http://www.acsi.org/)

**Christian Schools International**

99 Monroe Avenue NW, Suite 200  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
616-957-1070  
[www.csionline.org](http://www.csionline.org)

**Cognia, Inc.**

9115 Westside Parkway  
Alpharetta, GA 30009  
888-413-3669 ext. 5609  
[cognia.org](http://cognia.org)

**Independent Schools Association of the  
Central States**

55 West Wacker Drive  
Suite 701  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312-750-1190  
[www.isacs.org](http://www.isacs.org)

**National Council for Private School  
Accreditation**

PO Box 13686  
Seattle, WA 98198  
[www.ncpsa.org/](http://www.ncpsa.org/)

**National Lutheran School Accreditation**

LCMS School Ministry  
1333 S. Kirkwood Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63122  
1-800-248-1930, ext 1292  
[www.lcms.org/schools](http://www.lcms.org/schools)

**The Diocese or Archdiocese within which  
the school is located**

Listing of all Dioceses:  
[www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-dioceses/all-dioceses.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-dioceses/all-dioceses.cfm).

**Wisconsin Association of Christian  
Schools**

1840 Bond Street  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
920-499-5561  
[www.wacschools.org](http://www.wacschools.org)

**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
School Accreditation**

N16 W23377 Stone Ridge Drive  
Waukesha, WI 53188  
414-256-3221  
<http://welsrc.net/>

**Wisconsin Religious and Independent  
Schools Accreditation**

P.O. Box 685  
Muskego, WI 53150  
262-895-3679  
[www.wrisa.net](http://www.wrisa.net)